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Dear Sir

I send you a copy
Letter dispatched today to a member
of Congress in reference to an Amendment
of the Constitution enfranchising the
coloured people over the United States
in the course of the next twenty five
years. - This is the keystone of
the work of Reconstruction. - To
neglect this measure would be a
stupid blunder in Statesmanship
& a great national crime. - Every
vestige of slavery should be swept
off the territories of the nation
as soon as possible. -

I hope you will
use your powerful influence with

the mighty men of New England -
who are the brain & soul of the
Republic - to set fire to the
public Journals & to get up large
mass Meetings to support the
Senate & Representatives in carrying
through this measure. Then you
shall have reaped the full
fruits of the enormous sacrifices
of the best young blood of the
nation during the past four
years of stormy civil war. -

Yours sincerely

John B in my

P.S. These days of the Christmas
recess are of golden value. The
nation ought to be roused to patriotic
enthusiasm. Men of all political
parties who love their country -
Democrats, Conservative-Republicans
& Radicals - ought to join like
brothers in one common effort to

obtain a sound & comprehensive
reconstruction - by ^{thundering from} the platform & the
press. Were the nation inspired by
the proper spirit, they will give
support to the Senate & House of
Representatives & the Government will
be willing to cooperate, I have no
reason to doubt. - Let the men
of New England, the noble descend-
ants of the Puritan fathers - take
the initiative & communicate the
electric current of burning patriotism
to the other States of the Union
& the work of Reconstruction will
be gloriously consummated. But
we must study ^{wisdom &} conciliation &
rise above party spirit which is
ruinous & destructive. - D.B.

